

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 26 September 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002323

APPLICANT REQUESTS: amendment of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show:

- foreign service credit for service in Bosnia-Herzegovina from 15 March 2001 to 25 March 2002
- Armed Forces Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal with two campaign stars
- Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award)
- Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award)

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Self-Authored Statement
- DD Form 214 for the period ending 17 August 2004
- Three Army Commendation Medal Certificates
- Excerpt, Armed Forces Service Medal – Authorized Operations
- Excerpt, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal – Authorized Operations

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b); however, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) conducted a substantive review of this case and determined it is in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file.
2. The applicant's records contain sufficient evidence to support the request pertaining to foreign service credit in Bosnia and award of the Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award). These will be administratively corrected and do not require action by the Board.
3. The applicant states he hopes his DD Form 214 will be amended to reflect his military accomplishments and service to the Nation. These errors came to his attention during a Veteran's Day celebration. He discovered documentation that outlines the

Armed Forces Service Medal is a medal he should have earned for his participation in Operation Joint Forge, Task Force Eagle, Bosnia. He also discovered he should have earned the Iraq Campaign Medal and Overseas Service Ribbon for his service in Iraq.

4. The applicant provides three Army Commendation Medal Certificates (included on his DD Form 214) which show his service in support of Operation Joint Forge from 15 March 2001 to 25 September 2001 (Rotation 9), 26 September 2001 to 25 March 2002 (Rotation 10), and service during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 9 March 2003 to 21 February 2004.

5. A review of the applicant's service records show:

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 18 August 1998.

b. He served in:

- Bosnia from 1 March 2001 to 11 March 2002
- Iraq from 9 March 2003 to 21 February 2004

c. His record is void of a recommendation for the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award). Additionally, his record is void of a disqualification memorandum for the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award) or derogatory information.

d. He was honorably released from active duty on 17 August 2004. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 6 years of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Army Commendation Medal (4th Award)
- Army Achievement Medal
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
- Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-W Bar

6. By regulation:

a. The Armed Forces Service Medal is awarded to servicemembers who, after 1 June 1992, meet the following criteria: (1) participate or have participated as servicemembers of U.S. military units in a U.S. military operation that is deemed to be a significant activity and (2) encounter no foreign armed opposition or imminent threat of hostile action. The designated U.S. military operations included Operation Joint Forge from 21 June 1998 to 2 December 2004; however, only one award of either the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Armed Forces Service Medal is authorized for participation in direct support of Operation Joint Forge.

b. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal may be awarded to servicemembers who, after 1 July 1958: (1) participate or have participated as members of the U.S. military units in a U.S. military operation in which servicemembers of any military department participate, in the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in significant numbers and (2) encounter during such participation foreign armed opposition, or are otherwise placed, or have been placed, in such position that, in the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, hostile action by foreign armed forces was imminent even though it did not materialize. The designated U.S. military operations included Operation Joint Forge from 21 June 1998 to 2 December 2004; however, only one award of either the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Armed Forces Service Medal is authorized for participation in direct support of Operation Joint Forge.

c. The Iraq Campaign Medal is awarded to servicemembers who served in the area of operations from or after 19 March 2003 to 31 December 2011. Under no condition will personnel receive the Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for the same action, time period, or service.

d. The Army Good Conduct Medal is awarded on a selective basis to each Soldier who distinguishes themselves from their fellow Soldiers by exemplary conduct, efficiency, and fidelity throughout a specified period of continuous enlisted active Federal military service. Each 3 years completed on or after 27 August 1940 is a qualifying period of service for the Army Good Conduct Medal.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found partial relief is warranted.
2. The applicant's record confirms he is authorized the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for his service in Bosnia, and the award is listed on his DD Form 214. As a result, the Board determined he is not authorized the Armed Forces Service Medal for service

in Bosnia because Soldiers were not authorized both medals for service in support of Operation Joint Forge.

3. The applicant was authorized the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for his tour in Iraq, and this medal is recorded on his DD Form 214. Soldiers are not authorized both the Iraq Campaign Medal and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for the same period of service. The Board determined there is no error of omission with regard to the Iraq Campaign Medal. However, if the applicant wishes to forfeit the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and receive the Iraq Campaign Medal instead, he may submit a request for reconsideration.

4. The Board found the applicant met the criteria for the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award). The Board determined he should be awarded this medal, and it should be added to his DD Form 214.

5. The Board concurred with the corrections described in Administrative Note(s) below.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
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:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by:

- Awarding him the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award) for the period 18 August 2001 through 17 August 2004
- Adding the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award) to his DD Form 214
- Making the corrections described in Administrative Note(s) below

2. The Board further determined the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to the Armed Forces Service Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

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CHAIRPERSON

I certify that herein is recorded the true and complete record of the proceedings of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records in this case.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

The applicant's records contain sufficient evidence to support corrections not shown on his DD Form 214. As a result, his DD Form 214 will be amended by:

- adding to item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award)
- adding to item 18 (Remarks): Service in Bosnia from 20010301 to 20020311

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within 3 years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the ABCMR to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the 3-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.

2. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes policy, criteria, and procedures for individual and unit military awards.

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